

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. –October 29, 2023

Rev. Aaron Greydanus...Minister Reformation Sunday

Preparation for worship: Holy Spirit, reform our lives daily as you reform the church, that together we may better serve in love.

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: SW#10:1,2 “*Shout to the Lord*”

*Opening Prayer

*God’s Greeting

* Mutual Greeting

WE HEAR GOD’S WILL

God’s Will for Our Lives

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Assurance: SW#66:1-3 “*Wonderful Grace of Jesus*”

Congregational Prayer

Offering: 1. Western & HCS Foundations; 2. Rise Ministries

Offertory

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation: #262:1-4 “*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*”

Prayer for Illumination

God’s Word Read: Joshua 1:1-9, 2 Timothy 3:16

God’s Word Proclaimed: “**This Book**”

Prayer of Application

WE GO OUT TO SHINE HIS LIGHT

*Hymn of Application: #469:1-4 “*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*” (trumpet: Evan Schroeder)

*Parting Blessing

*Doxology: #620:1-3 “*By the Sea of Crystal*”

*Postlude

Please allow teachers/students to exit first

*indicates congregation stand

organist: Connie Te Krony

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

GREETERS TODAY: Stephen & Emily Stiles, Deacon Andrew & Kenzie Hoekstra

GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY: Heath & Kayla Stoker, Elder Dave & Betty Vande Griend

NURSERY TODAY: AM Sheila Van Schepen, Amy Emerick, Hunter Poppema, Eli Greydanus, Mya Kleinwolterink; PM Jesse Vande Weerd Family

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY: AM Koni Leusink, Emily Van Grouw, Lane Van Schepen, Breckin Van Schepen, Abby Fedders; PM Evan Schroeder Family

USHERS FOR OCT.: Lee Rozeboom, Ted Salazar, Brent De Jager, Justin Pollema

USHERS FOR NOV.: Don Krommendyk, Eric Zomermaand, Ryan Bolkema, Dean Bonestroo

VALET PARKING FOR Oct./Nov.: Oct. 29: Jacob Westra, Lynn Anderson; Nov. 5: Mitchell

Fedders. Ashten Winterfeld; Nov. 12: Lane Driesen, Scott Kroese

SECURITY COMMITTEE: Oct. 29: Dave Vant Hul; Nov. 5 Waylon Pollema

OFFERINGS: Today – Envelope receipts are for the church budget or for the cause(s) designated on your envelope. The loose offering is for 1. Western & HCS Foundations; 2. Rise Ministries

NEXT SUNDAY: 1. Building Fund; 2. World Renew

COFFEE SERVERS TODAY: Chris & Ashley

NEXT SUNDAY: Terry & DeeAnn

SERVE JUICE IN YOUTH BLDG: Maureen

NEXT SUNDAY: Lonny V.S.

POWER POINT TODAY: Kirk/Emerick’s

NEXT SUNDAY: AM Arlene; PM Tonya

SOUND SYSTEM TODAY: Rick

NEXT SUNDAY: Ben

CORRESPONDENCE: Ryan Bolkema to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Darren Bonestroo to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Dave Bonestroo to Lauren & Connie Runia; Dean Bonestroo to Gary & Ellie Sikma; Devin Bonestroo to Sos & Kara Maletougou (For those wishing to send an email, addresses are in the directory, first page, under “Missionaries Supported”. Envelopes are in the rack by the mailboxes.)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

TODAY

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:45 AM Coffee fellowship in the basement

10:45 AM Sunday School/Catechism Classes

10:45 AM Women’s Bible Study (nursery)

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM Coffee Break at Hope CRC

7:00 PM Mission Guild. Lesson 4 Abraham: Following God’s Call. Opening Prayer: Betty Pollema; Closing Prayer: Shirley Rens

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FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

October 29, 2023

WELCOME TO FIRST HULL: Welcome to our worship. God has been, and is, our dwelling place “from everlasting to everlasting” (Ps. 90:1-2). Let us praise God, our eternal home, together. A nursery and quiet room are available in the basement. TVs are available so that the service can be viewed. We invite everyone to join us for fellowship & coffee after the morning service in the church basement.

THIS MORNING Pastor Aaron’s message is from Joshua 1:1-9, 2 Timothy 3:16 titled “This Book”. His evening message is from I Thessalonians 2:1-12 titled “Paul’s Ministry”.

HEARING STATIONS are available. Ask Rick Kiers or someone in the sound booth before church if you are interested.

WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY is next week. **Peter Fish will be collected during the morning service.**

CADETS are again selling puffins. If you would like to order some and have not been asked by a Cadet, please email Ken Zevenbergen at ktzeven@mtcnet.net.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD brings hope and joy to kids worldwide through a simple gift-filled shoebox. Boxes are available under the mailboxes. There is a brochure inside the box with the gift suggestions and instructions. When you have filled the box, attach the label indicating whether the gift is for a boy or girl and the age and tape it to the box. Filled boxes should be returned to the **church kitchen by Wed., Nov. 15th**.

YOU ARE INVITED to a Community Meal at First Reformed Church on November 8, serving from 5:30-6:45p. The meal is free and everyone is invited – families, students, and all ages. This month’s meal includes baked ham, mashed potatoes, applesauce, and pumpkin bars. The purpose of this event is to encourage fellowship and create new relationships in our community.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- We extend our Christian sympathy to Ken Draayer and his children and all other loved ones in the passing of Belle Draayer last Saturday, Oct. 21. Funeral services were held on

Wednesday. Give thanks for the comfort of God’s promise of eternal life to those who profess his name.

- We extend our Christian sympathy to Shari De Wild and other family members in the passing of Jaron Jon De Wild, born at 16 weeks gestation, son and brother of Jon, Kait, and Aubrielle De Wild. What a comfort to know Jaron Jon is safe in the arms of Jesus!
- A pet scan showed that Rog De Groot has a spot on his lung. He will be starting treatment today (Thursday). Pray for healing.
- Continue to keep Christine Kroese in your prayers as she recovers from her recent gall bladder surgery.
- Pray for our shut ins: Aspen Heights: Joyce De Vries, Wilma Grevengood, Nelvina Kroese, Liz Schmith, Joyce Vande Griend, and Goldie Veldman; Sheldon Care Center: Julianne Kats; Christian Retirement Home: Johanna Van Surksum; Crown Pointe Estates: Matt De Wild, Darlene Kroese, Lou Krommendyk, Larry & Glenda Oolman, Gary Horstman, John Scholten; Friendly Horizons: Theresa De Wit; Whispering Heights: Pete Soodsma; Courage Homes in Sioux City: Ardelle Westra.

HOPE CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Mike Visser, Mandy Hoekstra’s father: we rejoice with the family that they found no additional cancer. We pray for his continued recovery.
- Diana Dykstra was able to come home this week. We praise God for the progress that she has made and continue to pray for her.
- Howard Krikke, Denise Keizer’s father, was admitted to respite care this week. We pray for him and for the family as they plan for his on-going care.
- Theresa Versteeg, Cindy Vander Stoep’s mother, has been recovering in the Orange City Hospital and looks forward to moving to Crown Pointe in Sioux Center as does Bernie, Cindy’s father. We pray for them in that transition.
- Kristen Steiger had hip surgery this week. It went well. We pray for her recovery.
- Please pray for the Verwolf family as they journey through the adoption process. They write this prayer request, “Adoption is not a predictable journey, and we trust that even through the messy stuff God’s plan is good. Baby Boy Verwolf is due Nov. 19! He’ll be born in South Dakota and due to state adoption regulations and native tribal procedures, we anticipate staying in South Dakota with the baby for a minimum of 10 days after he is born. Please pray for the birth mom! She is brave and courageous. We have enjoyed getting to know her for the past several months and look forward to seeing where the relationship goes.”
- We pray for those whose prayer concerns are theirs privately; for those who struggle with ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for those who mourn, who have lost those whom they love and miss.
- Pray for all who are struggling with an addiction, emotional hurt, depression, and mental illness.

- Pray for our families, our marriages, that God would strengthen them, guide them, and be honored in them.
- Pray for those who cannot join us in worship, that they would be comforted and feel close to the congregation.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Celebrate Western:” online auction begins **Tuesday, Oct. 24**. Go to www.zomerbid.com to access the auction. Explore Western is **Tuesday, Nov. 14**. The Celebrate Western Community Meal, Bake Sale, and Kid’s Carnival is **Friday, Nov. 17**. For more information and order forms, please visit our website: www.westernchristianhs.com.

You are invited to our fall showcase, *Explore Western*, on Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00p. Families with students of all ages are welcome to attend the hour-long event. Our goal is to **share an authentic, relational, and enjoyable experience for prospective WC families as they learn about “Who We Are” and “What We Do” at Western Christian High School.**

HCS would like to invite Veterans, current military personnel, and their guest to a special Veterans lunch on Friday, Nov. 10, starting at 11:15a. Please RSVP to the school by Monday, Nov. 6 if you are planning on coming for lunch. Please call 439-2273 or email office@hullchristian.com.

DONATING TO NICSTO: HC & WC are continuing to collect money for the NW Iowa Christian Schools Tuition Organization. In exchange for your donation, you will receive a 75% tax credit on your IA income tax (IRA’s, C Corporations, S Corporations, LLC, and Partnerships are also eligible for STO tax credits). A portion of the donation can also be claimed as a deduction on your federal income tax. If you are interested in donating to this fund, please contact Randy Ten Pas (439-2273) at Hull Christian or Brad Vis (439-1013) at Western.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP LOCAL YOUTH with your poinsettia purchase!! The Hull Kiwanis Poinsettia sale has an online ordering form. Pick-up will be in the Hull Community Building gym on Nov. 15, from 3-7p. It’s conveniently happening in conjunction with the 1st Ref. Soup Supper! We are asking that you reserve your poinsettia by Nov. 11 or you can email your order form: <https://forms.gle/4iMSjNH8NZLnZeR4A> or email bf_dekam@live.com. There will also be a small selection available to purchase in person.

DORDT UNIVERSITY student, Karli Vreugdenhil, will present her senior violin and organ recital at 7:30p on Friday, Nov. 3. All are welcome to a reception following the recital. The recital will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

DORDT UNIVERSITY student Aaron Galloway will present a senior cello recital at 7:30p on Saturday, Nov. 4 in the Auditorium. All are welcome to a reception following the recital. It will also be available on livestream.

DORDT UNIVERSITY student Kayla VandeZande of Hamilton, MI, will present a senior flute and piccolo recital at 7:30p on Friday, November 10, in the auditorium. She will be accompanied by Dordt University senior Karli Vreugdenhil of Orange City.

DORDT UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR and Ryan Smit will be presenting a lecture recital at 7:30p on Sat., Nov. 11, in the Auditorium. This event will feature a 30-minute lecture on the topic “Twentieth Century Dutch Composers: An Analysis of Selected Psalm Settings” followed by a 30-minute concert featuring choral performances of several Psalm settings. This recital is in partial fulfillment of the requirements for Smit’s Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Choral Conducting from North Dakota State University. It will also be livestreamed.

LOVE INC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

1) Love INC is looking for volunteers that would be part of a **hospitality team** as we develop a ministry called R&R: Refresh & Renew. These are once a month “Lunch and Learns” to encourage and equip our local pastors. Volunteers would coordinate and provide a light lunch for our pastors, speakers, and staff. The meetings run Sept.-April (not in December) at the office in Rock Valley.

2) We are recognizing our ever-growing need for a **bilingual** person to help our staff as we serve our community. At this time, we are seeking a volunteer who would be willing to donate a few hours each week. Days and times would be flexible with your schedule.

3) Our Rides of Love Transportation ministry is very busy! If you are willing to give of your time and provide **rides** from your community to medical appointments, please contact Pat at Love INC. You, as a volunteer, can set the boundaries for days, times and even how far you’re willing to drive. Bilingual volunteers are encouraged as well. Email director@loveincsiouxcounty.org or call 476-5990 for more information.

TRI-STATE TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC) is accepting applications for their upcoming weekend, Nov. 17-19, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne, MN. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt and other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request. This 3-day Christian retreat is designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their

community. To learn more visit www.TriStateTEC.org or email TriStateTEC@gmail.com. We are also looking for adults over 21 to join our team.

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE (May 31-June 11, 2004). Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's 2nd & 3rd missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary, will host this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu for more info.